

# MANAGING YOUR BENEFICIARIES' INHERITANCES

A Predetermined Beneficiary Payout Option with a Variable Annuity



## WHY CONSIDER A VARIABLE ANNUITY?

A variable annuity is a long-term contract between you and an insurance company that can help you grow, protect, and manage retirement savings in a tax-advantaged way. It can help you:

- Grow retirement savings faster through the power of tax deferral.
- Manage your investment strategy by transferring among a diverse selection of investment options free of tax consequences.
- Convert your assets to guaranteed lifetime retirement income.
- Leave a financial legacy through a protected death benefit.

A variable annuity also offer features such as asset allocation and optional principal protection. Optional benefits are available for an additional cost.

Guarantees, including optional benefits, are subject to the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the insurance company and do not protect the value of the variable investment options, which are subject to market risk. The value of the variable investment options will fluctuate and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Annuity withdrawals and other distributions of taxable amounts, including death benefit payouts, will be subject to ordinary income tax. For nonqualified contracts, an additional 3.8% federal tax may apply on net investment income. If withdrawals and other distributions are taken prior to age 59½, an additional 10% federal tax may apply. A withdrawal charge also may apply. Withdrawals will reduce the contract value and the value of the death benefits, and also may reduce the value of any optional benefits.

IRAs and qualified plans—such as 401(k)s and 403(b)s—are already tax-deferred. Therefore, a deferred annuity should be used only to fund an IRA or qualified plan to benefit from the annuity's features other than tax deferral. These include lifetime income, death benefit options, and the ability to transfer among investment options without sales or withdrawal charges.

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### YOU'RE IN CONTROL

#### **Getting Started**

Do you want to control access to the assets you leave to your beneficiaries without having to create a trust? Maybe you are also concerned that your beneficiaries are fiscally irresponsible, easily influenced, or too young to manage assets. Regardless of the reason, you can be in control of your legacy using the Predetermined Beneficiary Payout Option available with variable annuities.

With the Predetermined Beneficiary Payout Option, you have the flexibility to choose how and when payouts are made to beneficiaries after your death: all at once or over their life expectancies. You may choose from a scheduled withdrawal or a monthly payment, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. It's up to you.

#### Predetermined Beneficiary Payout Option Highlights

- Available for no extra cost with variable annuities and can be added at any time.
- Only you, as the owner, can make changes or cancel the option.
- Available on nonqualified (after-tax) contracts, as well as traditional and Roth IRA annuity contracts that have not been annuitized (restrictions apply).
- Allows tax-deferred benefits to be extended compared to allowing the beneficiary to take a lump-sum distribution and be subject to immediate taxation.



#### CHOOSE A PAYOUT OPTION

#### **Lump Sum Annuity** Scheduled Withdrawal Payout Method—Nonqualified Contracts Only Lump Sum: Select a Life Only: Periodic payments over Life Expectancy: Minimum percentage that will be paid his or her lifetime. distributions each year based on as a lump sum, with the his or her life expectancy. • Life with Period Certain¹: remainder paid out via the Periodic payments over his or her Life Expectancy with Future annuity payout option or the lifetime with payments guaranteed Cash Access: Minimum scheduled payout option. distributions each year based on over a specified period of your choosing. his or her life expectancy AND upon reaching a specified age, Period Certain Only 5–30 Years: your beneficiary has access to Periodic payments over a specified any distributions greater than period (5-30 years only). the minimum. Payout Method—IRA/Roth IRA Contracts Only Lump Sum: Select a Period Certain Only 5-9 Years: Not Applicable percentage that will be paid Periodic payments over a specified as a lump sum, with the period (5-9 years only). remainder paid out via the annuity payout option or the scheduled payout option. Tax Impact—Nonqualified Annuities Any amount over the cost Any amount over the cost basis will Annuity payments receive a special basis will be taxed as tax treatment called an "exclusion be taxed as ordinary income, generally ordinary income. ratio" with a portion of each payment distributing any earnings first and distributing after-tax premium and then after-tax premiums after earnings taxable earnings, instead of distributing are depleted. only earnings first. Tax Impact—IRAs Since most retirement assets are funded with pretax contributions, the death proceeds will be taxed as ordinary income. Tax Impact—Roth IRAs

If "Qualified Distribution" requirements are met, the death proceeds may be taken tax-free.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For annuity payouts of Life with Period Certain: Minimum period is five years not to exceed 30 years or the beneficiary's life expectancy. May vary by product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>For Roth IRA beneficiaries, the Qualified Distribution requirements are met if the account owner held the Roth IRA for at least five years prior to his or her death.

## COMMON PAYOUT OPTION SCENARIOS

I. Beneficiary with Full Restriction	(For example, your beneficiary has difficulty managing finances).
STRATEGY (Nonqualified Only)	You can select either the annuity or scheduled payout option. This will limit the distributions for the life of the beneficiary.
STRATEGY (IRA/Roth IRA)	You can select the annuity option. This will limit the distributions for five to nine years for beneficiary.
2. Beneficiary with Partial Restrictions	(For example, your beneficiary is relatively young, and although you don't want him/her to have access immediately to all the money, you would like him/her to have access at a certain age).
STRATEGY (Nonqualified Only)	<ul> <li>You can select either:</li> <li>A percentage to be paid as a lump sum, with the remainder to be paid through the annuity or scheduled payout.</li> <li>The scheduled payout option, and choose Life Expectancy with Future Cash Access so the beneficiary will have unlimited access to any remaining death proceeds upon attaining a certain age.</li> </ul>
STRATEGY (IRA/Roth IRA)	You can select a percentage to be paid as a lump sum, with the remainder to be paid through the annuity payout of five to nine years.
3. Multiple beneficiaries, but not all of them are restricted	(For example, beneficiaries' abilities to manage money may differ).
STRATEGY (Both Nonqualified and IRA/Roth IRA)	You have the ability to identify the "restricted beneficiaries" when completing the form. The form is used only to identify restricted beneficiaries and should not include any beneficiaries you don't want to restrict.

To discuss predetermined beneficiary options that fit your needs, please talk to your financial professional and tax advisor or visit our website.

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